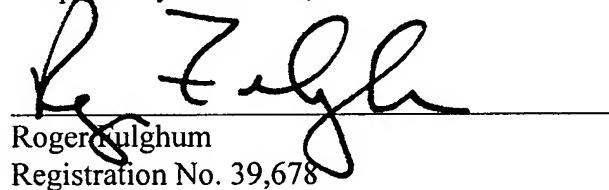


**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including March 13, 2006. Applicants note that March 12, 2006 was a Sunday, and that March 13, 2006 is the first business day following March 12, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the two-month extension of time includes Monday, March 13, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$1240.00 is included herewith for the continued examination request fee (\$790.00) and a fee for the two-month extension of time (\$450.00). Applicants hereby authorize the Patent and Trademark Office to charge deposit account number 02-0383 for any other charges necessary for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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